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## **FCC TO BE OPEN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2005 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2005 IN RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE HURRICANE RITA RELIEF AND RESTORATION EFFORTS**

Washington – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced that its offices providing emergency telecommunications service authorizations will be open on Saturday, September 24, 2005, and Sunday, September 25, 2005, to facilitate possible relief and reconstruction efforts that may be necessary by telecommunications providers affected by Hurricane Rita.

For Saturday, September 24, 2005, and Sunday, September 25, 2005, providers needing emergency STA authorizations, or needing to consult FCC bureaus and offices about their recovery efforts, can reach FCC personnel between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM at the following numbers:

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau: (toll free) 888-225-5322

Enforcement Bureau: (202) 418-7450

International Bureau: (202) 418-2368

Media Bureau: TV and Radio Services: (202) 418-2180 or email at [ritaTVradio@fcc.gov](mailto:ritaTVradio@fcc.gov)  
Cable Services: (202) 418-7000 or email at [ritaMVPD-cars@fcc.gov](mailto:ritaMVPD-cars@fcc.gov)

Office of Engineering and Technology: (202) 418-2470, or email at [oetsta@fcc.gov](mailto:oetsta@fcc.gov)

Wireline Competition Bureau: (202) 418-1500

Carriers affected by Hurricane Rita that wish to leave a status report for the Wireline Competition Bureau may do so using the following phone number, (202) 418-0104, or using the following email address, [WCBCarrierStatusInfo@fcc.gov](mailto:WCBCarrierStatusInfo@fcc.gov)

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: (202) 418-0600

In addition, during evening hours, telecommunications providers needing FCC emergency assistance or STA's can call the FCC's Communications Center, which is open 24 hours a day, at (202) 418-1122.

For a listing of FCC Public Notices and Press Releases relating to Hurricane Rita recovery efforts and extensions of FCC filing dates for regulatory fees and various regulatory proceedings, and for other hurricane recovery related information, go to the FCC's website, [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov), and click on the "Hurricane Rita Emergency Information" box at the top of the homepage.